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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action dated July 14, 2006, which did not address the merits of the above-identified patent application, but required restriction of the application to one of two inventions.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this Reply to Office Action.